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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A seat belt extender, comprising:

an elongate anchor extension of limited flexibility, having a first end and a second end opposite said first end, wherein said anchor extension comprises a cable having a cover selected from the materials consisting of rubber and plastic;

a male seat belt latch tongue immovably affixed to and extending from said first end of said anchor extension; and

a female seat belt latch receptacle immovably affixed to and extending from said second end of said anchor extension.

Claims 2-4. (*Canceled*)

Claim 5. (*Currently Amended*) The seat belt extender according to claim 4 1, wherein said cable is formed of strands selected from the group consisting of steel and synthetic fiber material.

Claim 6. (*Original*) The seat belt extender according to claim 1, wherein said anchor extension is between one inch and eight inches in length.

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Claim 7. (*Currently Amended*) A seat belt extender, comprising:

a flat, elongate strap of limited flexibility, having a first end and a second end opposite said first end,

wherein said strap is formed of synthetic fabric webbing material;

a male seat belt latch tongue immovably affixed to and extending from said first end of said strap;

and

a female seat belt latch receptacle immovably affixed to and extending from said second end of said strap.

Claim 8. (*Original*) The seat belt extender according to claim 7, further including a cover disposed over said strap.

Claim 9. (*Original*) The seat belt extender according to claim 8, wherein said cover is selected from the materials consisting of rubber and plastic.

Claim 10. (*Canceled*)

Claim 11. (*Original*) The seat belt extender according to claim 7, wherein said strap is between one inch and eight inches in length.

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Claim 12. (*Original*) A seat belt extender, comprising:

an elongate cable of limited flexibility, having a first end and a second end opposite said first end;

a male seat belt latch tongue immovably affixed to and extending from said first end of said cable;

and

a female seat belt latch receptacle immovably affixed to and extending from said second end of said cable.

Claim 13. (*Original*) The seat belt extender according to claim 12, further including a cover disposed over said cable.

Claim 14. (*Original*) The seat belt extender according to claim 13, wherein said cover is selected from the materials consisting of rubber and plastic.

Claim 15. (*Original*) The seat belt extender according to claim 12, wherein said cable is formed of strands selected from the group consisting of steel and synthetic fiber material.

Claim 16. (*Original*) The seat belt extender according to claim 12, wherein said cable is between one inch and eight inches in length.